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We're Getting Back to Normal

INDUSTRIAL PICTURE LOOKS BRIGHTER

By EDW. WALTERS

The industrial picture looks brighter than it has for some time. The strike situation is gradually being ironed out and—barring new ones of major proportions, it should not be too long before consumer goods of all kinds will be available in satisfactory quantities. Production, even now, in some lines exceed that of any time previous to the war.

The biggest fly buzzing around our ointment is that eternal international poker game. A professional is now in the seat formerly occupied by A. Hitler, and he knows his cards—their backs as well as their faces. The players in this game change from time to time but the rules remain the same—European rules. All we do is ante. When, as and if, our foreign policy “experts” learn a few of the fundamental rules of good poker, such as when to stop bluffing and when to call the other fellow's hand, we might get somewhere and come out a little more on the even side instead of being the usual heavy, and sorry losers. Attempting to fill inside straights is a costly habit—in poker or in international politics and our Department of State should certainly realize it by this time.

However, let's not short circuit our thinking by too much pessimism for this is the reason for new life—for beginning again—with new vigor and new hope.

With the easing of the tensions brought on by the war years, we are again facing the future with renewed confidence in the future and a justifiable expectancy of an early return to sane and normal living. Private and public plans, long delayed by war, have been, or are in the process of being, revived. A bit of alterations may be needed here and there but we should be able to see these plans well on their way with greater hope of fulfillment now that we are relieved of so many unsettling distractions.

Veterans are returning home (let's hope, to stay) and are endeavoring to take up where they left off in their interrupted schooling, jobs, businesses of their own, home planning and other interests that make life worthwhile and living a pleasure. Under the G.I. Bill of Rights, veterans may now borrow up to \$10,000 for home building and, with the easement of the strike problems, building materials will soon begin to flow into consumer channels in ever increasing supply and allow them to take advantage of these low-cost loans.

Housing Administrator Wilson Wyatt has indicated that an order may soon be issued to curb commercial construction in favor of needed homes. With something over \$50,000,000 in material and labor going into nonresidential construction, such an order would certainly be a breath of spring to

thousands.

Another, and very important, phase of this “getting back to normal” program, is home repair. Due to lack of labor and materials these repairs have been necessarily neglected or deferred. Now is the time of year when they should be made.

In Grandma's time, the approach of spring was the unmistakable signal for starting several definite programs that affected everyone within shouting distance. Building repairs, house-cleaning and sulphur and molasses. And to this day there are many of us who are still undecided which constituted the greater evil. No one escaped and woe be unto him who made even feeble protest. Everyone bowed to the inevitable and not until years later was it realized how wise were these moves and how necessary to enjoyable living were these tasks.

After a winter spent in at least partial hibernation, due to ice, snow and freezing weather in most parts of the country, it was a vital necessity come spring, to get the cobwebs out of our systems and out of our homes. Buildings, machinery, fences and stock pens, damaged by relentless storms and low temperatures, must be checked and repaired. Porches must be returned to plumb, stoves cleaned, and a thousand other things must be done before spring planting began.

The old homestead came in for its share of face-lifting. Curtains were taken down, rugs taken up, and some of Grandpa's useless but cherished possessions sent to the discard for the good of all concerned. The entire household was reduced to a state of confusion. This went on for days, while the women puttered and the men spluttered, but the time eventually arrived when things began to return to their normal places. The lately beaten rugs were down, the freshly starched curtains up, and Grandpa had succeeded in retrieving and slyly returning a few of his most prized disreputable possessions to the house.

Things were back to normal again. But it was a cleaner, brighter normal than before. Living always seemed better after these cyclonic rejuvenation programs. The new front steps gave us a more secure feeling, and that repaired fence in the north forty meant that we needn't hunt all over creation for Bossy at milking time.

Joshua Tree Buildings Dress Up

A distinguished visitor and property owner at Joshua Tree strolled into the JOURNAL office on St. Patrick's Day and remarked about the many changes and improvements since his last visit. “The paint jobs on various buildings,” said Christy Nelson, “have certainly brightened this town up, and I am very proud of the fact that I own land here. If this keeps on I will have my attorney's shingle out sooner than I thought for.”

Upon being asked where he spent Saturday night, Mr. Nelson laughingly stated that the clubhouse was so crowded that he was given the “Bunker Presidential suite.” Every nook and corner was filled, he said. They were all but hanging off the chandeliers. He appreciated the fact that the President of the Townsite Company gave up his own comfortable quarters and went over to the Mitchells, in order to accommodate one more guest.

Quite obviously what Joshua Tree needs is not “a good five cent cigar” as Thomas R. Marshall once facetiously said the country needed, but more rentals.

Newspaper Editors Visit Journal Office

A couple of editors and publishers of rural newspapers took time off from a busy weekend to visit the JOURNAL office and offer a few helpful suggestions. They were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dew Pree of Orange, California, who have owned and operated twelve different country newspapers in Colorado and California. The Deu Prees retired from the publishing business in 1937, however, Mrs. Deu Pree is still actively engaged in feature writing. She was for years connected with the Denver Post. Accompanying them was their 93-year-old mother, Mrs. Jos. Deu Pree, and their sister, Miss Nora Deu Pree, of San Gabriel, who teaches in the Euclid Avenue school, Los Angeles, her special forte being Development work.

All these accomplished jobs gave us an inner satisfaction and repose than would have been possible had they been neglected. Then too, we could hold our heads just a bit higher when our neighbors came to call.

The spring season here in Southern California, and especially in Joshua Tree, is really beautiful. The desert literally bursts forth in a glorious symphony of pastel tones that are so impressive you can almost hear them. And when the desert and the surrounding mountains put on their display of spring raiment, it's a sight not easily forgotten.

Small wonder then, that with the wars over, our boys back home, and capital and labor again teamed for production, this spring gives forth a clearer, brighter signal than than usual. Nature is reawakening with her new lease on life and, here, at least, we're getting back to normal.

Loud Cheers When Electric Light Poles Arrive Here

Rowes Entertain Old Friends

Wm. C. Rowe and his sister, Susie Rowe, are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Orin C. Harrington of San Francisco, friends of many years standing. They are delighted with the desert country and hope eventually to make their home here. Mr. Rowe is very happy that he has his taxi in which to show them all the points of interest. The trip that pleased the visitors most was the day they spent in the Joshua Tree National Monument. They took a basket lunch so that they were able to spend the entire time sight-seeing and referred to it as the finest day they had ever experienced. They went into Hidden Valley and climbed to the top of the big rock where they found “The Indian Bathtub” filled with water from the recent rains.

Split Rock also came in for a good share of their attention. The group went around the back of it and discovered a cave large enough to live in; the roadway leading to it was terraced and curved as though built by human beings instead of being nature's handiwork. At the back of the cavern was a large square rock which looked as though it had been placed there in preparation for a fine home, and it was almost uncanny the precision with which nature had carved out this special rock. These were only a few of the many scenic wonders which our national monument had to offer. Other trips to nearby places of interest have been planned.

Fire and Water

The full moon certainly did something to our pet surveyors when they were here last week. One of them was seen with his friend the “Desert Claw” hunting for water with a forked branch off a peach tree. He had been listening to wild tales about how the branch would literally fly out of his hand if he approached a place where there was water. The last we heard he was trying it out down by the pump house but the darn thing refused to even twist in his hands.

The same day his two buddies got all excited over a fire in one of the local wells. They decided to do their “boy scout” deed for the day by extinguishing the fire. What they really found was a whirl of dust coming from the cavity.

Very Informative

Our same surveyors saw a sway back grey horse coming down the road with a rider that was unquestionably a native of the desert. Their curiosity got the better of them so they hailed the rider and asked him where he was going. The answer was “Down thar.”

About three o'clock Tuesday afternoon a load of poles arrived and caused about as much excitement as a circus. There was loud cheering and a good many happy people when their dream of electricity took another step forward.

When Ed Uhlig was in town a few days ago he assured us that just as soon as materials came through we would get them as Joshua Tree had priority over any other jobs in this section. While Mr. Uhlig refused to make any promises he seemed to think it was only a matter of a very short time now until we would be turning on a switch instead of filling the old oil lamps.

Mr. Nale of 29 Palms said that a load of materials was due to arrive next week and would be stored here until the poles were in place. The materials he mentioned were to be used for framing the poles (the cross pieces). All this news is certainly encouraging after the adverse rumors which have been handed around and should teach us to not listen to any one who is not authorized to give accurate information.

Enchanting Desert

What Miss Edna Wallace happily describes as “The Enchanting Mornings and Evenings” lured her to the desert. She has spent the past week tramping around through the hills and looking over property. She decided to add to her holdings here; and says she has a pet scheme that she hopes to develop in the near future. For the time being she is reluctant about divulging what she has on her mind.

Miss Wallace has just returned from Pennsylvania where she went on business. She is a fiction writer of considerable note, both under her own name and “ghost-writing,” and at present is taking a brief respite from her work. She is living at Hermosa Beach, but is looking forward eagerly to the time when she can make J. T. her permanent home.

They tried again by asking where he was from only to be told “Up thar.” Now they know all about it.

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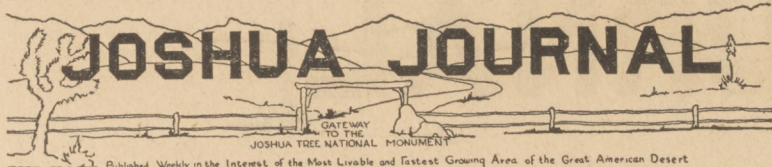
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What Price Electricity

As the time grows nearer to our "Electric Town", we wonder if we are going to get as much happiness out of it as we seem to anticipate.

From a business standpoint it will be a great step forward. It will also be a comfort and convenience in our homes; and a pleasure to have the streets lighted so that we may go about at night without carrying either a lantern or a flashlight. All this, as we have said before calls for some sort of a celebration.

BUT there is another side to the picture. It will mean somewhat of a sacrifice to those of us who like the quiet and peacefulness of a starlit night. Gone will be the joy of stepping out of doors into a room bounded by walls of hills. Walls hung with ever varying tapestries caused by the changing lights and shadows. A canopy over all which seems studded with gems one can almost reach out and touch.

The more brilliantly lighted our homes the less of this natural light will be visible. It is only in contrast with the darkness around that the moon and stars display their beauty.

When we give pause and think on these things we cannot help but wonder "What Price Electricity?"

Know Your Neighbor

Barbara Moody who is the new member of the JOSHUA JOURNAL staff was born in Charlestown, Mass., in the shadow of Bunker Hill monument. Her father, Captain John Leighton, came of a long line of sea-faring men, and childhood memories were of happy days spent on the ocean with her parents and brothers. One of her earliest recollections is trailing a line over the side of her father's four-masted schooner to hook peculiar specimens of seaweed that she collected and pressed. Another hobby was gathering sea shells on the beaches of many foreign lands to which the schooner C. P. Dixon carried cargo. She and her brothers had a private tutor and received their education aboard ship as it was their only home.

When Barbara was 12 years old her mother decided that it was time to establish a home on land where the children could have contact with others of their own age. New York was chosen as the most likely place being near the father's main port of call. Had it not been for this decision the whole family would probably have been lost at sea. The C. P. Dixon sailed in September of that year with a load of coal for the Barbados Islands. A hurricane somewhere near the West Indies caused the ship to founder resulting in the deaths of the entire crew.

The family decided upon a nursing career for Barbara but she had other ideas. After a year and a half of training she fell in love and married one of her patients, to whom she had been assigned as special nurse. After his recovery they married and settled in Boston, Mass. World War I took the lives of the two Leighton boys, which left Barbara and her mother to represent that branch of the family. The elder brother John Howard, made the supreme sacrifice for his country. He was one of the six who volunteered for a sure-death mission of wiping out snipers. His mother received a posthumous cita-

tion from President Wilson, and the notice that John Howard's name would be forever perpetuated on the walls of the Commonwealth armory from where he had made his last march. The younger brother, Ted, was frozen to death while doing guard duty on Commonwealth pier.

Barbara was not contented to just become a housewife, so she continued her education at B. U. and also became a member of the firm of the Brooklyn Riding School. She specialized in teaching children to ride. During the fall and winter at horse shows she exhibited thoroughbred horses, jumping and riding side-saddle. It was during her horse show work that she started sending articles to the sports magazines. She wrote for "Rider and Driver" and "Bit and Spur." This was the beginning of her writing career. From this she went to the Boston American as a feature writer where she originated the by-line of Nancy Brewster.

Widowed in 1929 Barbara came to California where she eventually met and married a sea-faring man. That youthful call of the sea asserted itself and once more she became a wanderer. With her new

BUTCH

Last Tuesday night Death sped along the highway, stopping long enough at Joshua Tree to take "Butch," one of the friendliest of little fellows from our midst.

When the town was very small and boasted of less than a dozen houses, a little puppy was brought here that immediately carved a niche for himself. Every day he made the rounds calling on all his friends and playing no favorites. As he grew older the town grew and it became impossible for him to continue his daily visits without slighting someone. He probably decided it was better to wag his good-morning when most of his friends came down to the village store for their mail.

When the mail truck arrived Butch could always be seen circulating around and scarcely a person ever failed to speak to him. He could not talk but he wagged his messages. The silly little way he cocked his head and the expression in his eyes spoke volumes. His was not the colorful life of a "Show Dog." He never won any blue ribbons. However, in the hearts of his master and mistress and many friends he held first place.

Yes, Butch, we feel sure that many little tails wagged a welcome when you joined them last Tuesday night, but it will be a long time before your Joshua Tree friends get used to the idea of not seeing you around each morning when they call for their mail.

JOSHUA TREE CHAPEL

The Joshua Chapel is getting quite enthusiastic over the prospect of their own building.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett of Long Beach were present at the service last Sunday and each presented the building committee with a very good sized check.

Mrs. Ted Crane was the soloist at the March 17 meeting.

Mr. Fagaly's sermon on March 24 will be "Heaven," the Bible reference, Rev. 21:1-2.

Send the children to Sunday School.

husband she traveled to the Far East visiting many countries and spending a great deal of time in China and Manila.

Last July the desert beckoned. A lot was sold and we had another booster for Joshua Tree. In February of this year she became a permanent resident and the JOURNAL is very proud to have one of her ability and experience on its staff.

— Garden Notes —

If you are planning a flower garden, or thinking of putting in any shrubs, it would be well to hold off for a short time as the balance of March is not too desirable. You are not to have as large a yield as at a more favorable time.

Where the yield is below the ground, such as so many of the vegetables, then the planting may be done on March 26 or 27. Better use the balance of the month to fertilize and weed and get the garden in shape for future planting.

The Rembes are here again. They show their approval by their return trip.

BARNACLE BILL TAKE NOTICE

We sure were GREEN with envy when we saw that gorgeous gown the Desert Barnacle put on for St. Patrick's Day. Now we know "Anything Can Happen." We're all a quiver with excitement over how to expect the Easter Number. Will it arrive in the form of an Easter Bonnet? Perhaps each page will wear a different color like so many Easter Eggs. Then again we would not be surprised to have it reach us wrapped up in the form of an Egg and delivered by the Easter Bunny.

Hope he doesn't hide it in a place too hard to find.

Mrs. C. D. May is having a vacation at Gilman's Hot Springs.

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Personal

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Mr. and Mrs. House also entertained Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacPhee and daughter, Margaret, from Orange, California.

One of the new Crane houses on Sunburst Circle was sold on March 19th to Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Foster, of Santa Cruz, Calif. The Fosters are looking forward to moving into their new home and becoming actively associated with the building up and developing of our community.

Gordon A. Armstrong, one of our old timers was seen wandering around last Sunday looking longingly at some of his property which he probably regrets having sold. He told us he would be back again, and possibly stay throughout the summer.

George Hill has been entertaining Ray Welfare, Harvey Ogden, Frank Anderson and Bert Shear, all from Los Angeles. All three are employed in the city and came out to the desert for their vacation.

Maidee Crawford who is with RKO Studios in Hollywood was out last Sunday and added several lots to her already large holdings. Miss Crawford has some very fine plans for future buildings and if they mature, may possibly double her holdings in the very near future.



MAUDE A. FOX, Publicity

Rev. P. J. O'Dowd of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Twentynine Palms, was the speaker of the afternoon at the Woman's Club meeting held last Friday at the Club House. The talk on Ireland dealt with the history and tradition of the beautiful Emerald Isle. Father O'Dowd came to America three years ago while the war was still in progress.

Telling of Ireland's part in the conflict he explained that his country took care of thousands of English refugee women and children. There were 400,000 Irish boys and girls helping in England in the war effort. Maybe we shouldn't complain in Joshua Tree! Following the inspiring talk of the Priest, Larry Gray played a number of Irish folk songs on the piano.

Mrs. Thelma Wiser had charge of the program and promised another interesting afternoon at the next meeting. Following the business session, led by President Julia Overbay, a surprise Stork shower was held in honor of Jodie Lee Sullivan. Many, and beautiful were the gifts received and guests indulged in "Ahs" and "Ohs" as the dainty fluffy things were passed around for inspection.

Serving on the Tea Committee were Mrs. Bud Lyday, Mrs. Jack Lowther and Mrs. C. D. May. Tiny cookies were decorated with shamrocks in honor of St. Patrick's Day. There were about forty members present.

New Desert Publication Out Early in April

People throughout this desert area are awaiting with keen interest, it is reported, the first issue of the new monthly magazine entitled "DESERT SPOTLIGHT," to hit the newstands early in April. Printed on "slick" paper, well-illustrated, DESERT SPOTLIGHT is the newest brainchild of Homer and Ruth L. Stuart, who pioneered the newspaper field at Desert Hot Springs. They sold the Desert Sentinel last October, moving to Yucca Valley to make their home at Hidden Rancho.

The Stuarts are busily engaged with getting everything ready to "go to press." They are doing all their own publicity, writing, photography, etc., they told a JOURNAL reporter.

FISH STORY

After all the generations since the first fish was caught off Gloucester, Mass., Californians have taken the commercial fishing title from that proud New England area. This State's fishing industry is doing a 100-million-dollar yearly business, states Gilbert Van Camp, Jr. of S. F., whose company has just added a \$450,000 tuna "clipper" to its fishing fleet. The crews get 55 per cent of each trip's profits—sometimes \$4000 or \$5000 per man. And, boasts Mr. Van Camp:

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Mary Burson is ill. She went in to Los Angeles Monday in order to consult with her family physician. Mrs. McGee is in the Townsite office picnicking for Mary.



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Mr. and Mrs. Rogers reside at Morongo Valley Annex, where they recently purchased property.

Yucca Valley

Sunday guests at Hidden Rancho were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tarbuton, and Susan Canon, their granddaughter, of Desert Hot Springs. They also visited the Jeff Overbay home. Mr. Tarbuton is a well driller.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

If your nose is close to the grindstone rough,
And you hold it down there long enough,
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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Showalter of Twentynine Palms had guests last week who arrived with their own mobile house, thereby getting around the acute rental shortage.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Kellogg own a trailer that is a honey, being the nearest thing to a modern apartment on wheels that one could possibly imagine. There is one complete bedroom with clothes closets, dressers, etc., and a partition which folds back in the day time, but can be closed to make another bedroom at night. A seat large enough to hold four people comfortably is right in back of the driver's seat. At night this seat swings around and the back lets down, making a large double bed. The kitchen is complete with four-burner full sized stove, and an ice box with plenty of storage space. There is also a good sized sink and plenty of cupboards for supplies and dishes.

The Kellogs had as their guests on the trip Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lindquist.

On their return home last Monday they stopped in Joshua Tree to give the town a "look-see" and fill their thermos jugs with the excellent water that they had heard so much about.

Why not smile and conserve energy? Every frown takes 64 muscles while a smile takes only 13. Start smiling.

The fellow who is up on his toes is never run down at the heels.

Boy Scout Outing

A group of happy boys stopped in Joshua Tree on their way home to Fullerton after an all night outing at Hidden Valley in the Joshua Tree National Monument. It was troop ninety-three, Fullerton Boy Scouts. There were twenty-four boys in this particular group under the guardianship of W. Harold Lang, Scoutmaster; D. Russell Parks and Joseph Henderson.

We understand that Judge Raymond Thompson of Orange County Superior Court also had a carload of boys on the trip, as well as his six-year-old son, Tommy.

The boys in Mr. Lang's party were Cashman, Ochoa, Garcia, Alvin Boyd, W. Hoeffler, G. Lang, R. Hoeffler, Ed Rodriguez, Ray Fullerton, C. Gray, P. Lal, R. Menges, J. Boyd, D. Petersen, W. Parks, R. Wilson, J. Kroeger, J. Burch, R. Montague, E. Galloway, E. Boyd, C. Cornelison, R. Fullerton, H. Norris.

The boys slept on the ground in their bed rolls and cooked all their own meals. On Saturday night they built a big camp fire and sat around it and told stories and indulged in all the usual stunts that city boys enjoy on a trip of this sort. They got the most fun when they blindfolded the older men and engaged in a sham battle with newspapers. It was an enjoyable and instructive weekend and will give the boys something to remember for a long while.

Woody's Emporium are doing such a good business they find it necessary to make two trips a week to keep up their stock.

Desert Flora and Fauna

The wooly marigold (*Baileya pleniradiata*) is in full bloom now. Great clumps of golden blossoms nod their heads each morning and tell us spring is nearly here. This particular marigold is one of the loveliest of the yellow desert blooms. With its wooly gray foliage it lends itself to flower arrangement. The flowers stay fresh for days. As a bountoniere for a man it is perfect. The flower is the right size and will stay fresh all day. The plant is an annual sometimes growing 2 feet tall. The numerous

flowers are born on branching stems. It belongs to the sun flower family and is truly a child of the sun.

Marigold Lore

The marigold is a sacred flower of Northern India. England attaches much weather lore as "if it is not open by seven o'clock, thunder may be expected." To dream of a marigold is an earnest of riches to come. Shakespeare refers to "Marigold, that goes to bed with the sun, and with him rises weeping."

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GRAPE NUT BREAD

1 egg
3/4 cup milk
2 cups all purpose flour
3 tsp. Baking Powder
1 tsp. salt
1/3 cup grape-nuts
4 tbps. shortening
Mix and sift dry ingredients together. Pour milk over grape-nuts. Cream sugar, shortening and egg.

Combine mixtures and pour into small bread tin. Bake 45 min. to 1 hr. in 350 degree oven. (test with straw to see if done.)

LIGHT COLORED DATE BREAD

1 egg
1 cup sugar
2 cups sweet milk
4 cups flour
3 tsp baking powder
Pinch salt
1 cup nut meats
1 1/2 cup chopped dates or 1 cup date flakes

This makes 2 small loaves or 1 long loaf. Let stand in pan 25 minutes before baking.

Bake in 350 to 375 degree oven 45 minutes to 1 hour.

DARK COLORED DATE BREAD

For this bread either packaged dates or date crystals may be used.
1 cup date meats or crystals
1 tsp soda
Pour 1 cup hot water over above then add:

One half cup sugar
1 3/4 cups flour
One half tsp baking powder
One half tsp salt
1 egg (well beaten)
1 cup chopped nut meats (optional)
1 tsp vanilla
Beat well and bake in 350-375 degree oven one hour. Makes very small loaf.

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For Hank Martin was undoubtedly a great man. But, regretfully, in spite of all he did to help his people, he had to play the game in order to do it. And I wonder if his story might not be typical of many great politicians who, somehow, in their struggles for others, lost themselves along the way.

Ed. Note:— We have read this book and enjoyed it. Mrs. Wilson's review is concise and extremely well put.

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Mrs. Clella Herdman returned to her home here in Joshua Tree last Saturday after a pleasant visit with her friend Miss Mary Feighan in Los Angeles. Miss Feighan, who is a property owner in Joshua Tree, and has many friends here, brought Mrs. Herdman back in her car and stayed over the weekend.

Duddy, toy pomeranian, with his owners, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Weaver were recent visitors. The tiny sable powder puff is a specially bred pom, his mother weighed only four pounds. Duddy enjoys motor-ing and even goes through the motions of steering the car at his mistress' command to drive.

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Dear Sir:

In answer to your card requesting a copy of the Electrical wiring code for this County, I must inform you that there is no such ordinance existing, not even for stores, offices or public buildings.

One of the reasons we are trying so hard to have a building permit and a construction ordinance adopted, is that we would have a point at which we would meet and advise persons about their plumbing and electrical work. In addition, the building inspection would enable the inspector to advise on the job against obvious errors in the two installations.

If you are interested in the National Electrical Code, which is the basis of most local codes, you may order a copy from the Pacific Coast Electrical Assn., 601 West Fifth St., Los Angeles. Mr. Arthur Kempston is the Field Representative.

We hope we have your support in the adoption of some reasonable code for the new construction that is bound to spring up with the release of materials.

Sincerely,

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This afternoon:

1:30 P. M. Joshua Tree Women's Club at Club House.

Every Tuesday night:

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First Tuesday of each month 8 p.m.

Yucca Valley Post 468 American Legion at Legion Hall, Yucca Valley.

First Wednesday each month

Yucca Valley Womans Club

First Friday of each month 2:30

p.m. Board meeting of Joshua Tree Women's Club. Watch bulletin board for meeting place.

Second Saturday of each month 8

p.m. Chamber of Commerce meeting. Board meeting 7 p.m. same night. Watch bulletin board for place of meetings.

Third Friday of each month 2:30

p.m. Joshua Tree Women's Club meeting at Club House, Joshua Tree.

Every Saturday night, dance at

Yucca Valley School House, sponsored by Yucca Valley Women's Club.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Hutchins of La Canada, Calif., visited Joshua Tree over the weekend as guests of L. V. Peterman. The Sun Valley poultry and rabbit raising project engaged their attention particularly, and the impression left was that they were "sold" on Joshua Tree as an ideal weekend or vacation place. They intend to keep in touch with our doings via the JOURNAL to which they subscribed. We hope to see the Hutchins again real soon.

Flying News From 'K' Field

A group of local boys interested in gliding spent the weekend flying the new Schweizer Sailplane at Violet Dry Lake. Several flights over 20 minutes duration were made on thermal currents and slope winds. Sid Lippon, Willy Blanton, and Bill Mayo from Twentynine Palms, Pat Wiser from Joshua Tree and Bill Royal from Yucca Valley made up the group.

Pat Wiser soloed the Piper Cub this week and Bill Royal has started flight training. Carke Ferry, our old glider pilot friend and local

resident is back from the service and has been over flying the Cub. Clarke is interested in getting some local glider flying started.

Two pilot friends visiting K Field this week were F/O Carl Rush, former instructor at the air academy and now stationed at Palm Springs Army Air Base with the air transport command and Roy W. Guerin, former two pilot at the glider school now selling real estate at San Jose, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sherman and daughter were out for a flight in the Cub.

George Stromme, associate editor of Western Flying stopped at "K" Field. He intends to come out for a few days and try some glider flying.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Al Fiori are among the newcomers here. They are renting one of the Cook houses (next to the former Astry house). Shortly after his arrival Mr.

Fiori was taken ill and his daughter, Mrs. Al Weiler of Long Beach came out to help her mother.

We are glad to report that Mr. Fiori is improving and should be around before long.

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